

FINLAND

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Oct 20	Treaty of Dorpat	4nm	
	Oct 21	Convention on the Non-fortification & Neutralization of the Aaland Islands	3nm	Recognized special status of waters around Aaland Islands.
	Aug 56	Law No. 463/56	4nm	Islands, rocks, and skerries beyond the inner territorial waters claimed to have a territorial sea of 3nm.
	Jan 81	Decree Amendment 656/80		Foreign warships and other government non-commercial vessels must give notification prior to transiting territorial sea.
		Decree 1069/89		U.S. protested claim in 1989. US does not recognize this requirement. Requires advance notice and permission by foreign government ships for entry into its territorial waters or advance notice for innocent passage through its territorial seas.
	Dec 90	MFA Circular No. NC-28		Establishes procedures for application by foreign government ships to request permission to enter Finnish territorial waters and for giving notification of innocent passage through Finnish territorial seas.
	Jul 95	Act amending the Act on the Border of the Territorial Waters of Finland (981/95)	12nm	In the Gulf of Finland, the outer limit of the territorial sea shall at no place be closer to the midline than 3 nm.
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Aug 56	Decree Nos. 463 & 464		Established straight baselines.
III. CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Sep 39	Customs Regulations	6nm	Customs frontier from mainland and coastal islands (3nm from outer islands in the Baltic and in the Gulf of Finland).
	Jan 50	Amendment Reflected loss of Arctic coastline.		
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	Mar 65	Continental Shelf Act, Act No. 149	1958 DEF	Baltic Sea, Gulf of Finland and Gulf of Bothnia all covered.

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V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jan 75	Fishing-Zone Act 839/74	12nm	Exclusive fishing zone.
	Dec 77	Amendment to Act 839/74		Fishing zone extended to continental shelf boundary with Sweden in Gulf of Bothnia.
	Jun 78	Amendment to Act 839/74	12nm	Around Bogskar Island, fishing zone extended from 11 to 12 nm.
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	May 66	Agreement		Continental shelf boundary with former Soviet Union (Gulf of Finland) EIF.
	Mar 68	Agreement		Continental shelf boundary with USSR (northeastern Baltic) EIF.
	Jan 73	Agreement		Continental shelf boundary with Sweden (Gulf of Bothnia, Gulf of Finland) EIF.
	Jul 80	Agreement		Fishing boundary agreement with the former Soviet Union EIF.
	Nov 86	Agreement		Agreement with former Soviet Union EIF - revising earlier continental shelf boundaries.
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed, with a declaration of intent to apply requirement for prior notification by warships and non-commercial government vessels transiting territorial sea, and declaring that Art 35(c) exception to transit-passage regime is applicable to Aaland Strait.
	Jun 96			Acceded to Convention, ratified Part XI Agreement.

b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

1. STRAIGHT BASELINES

A. LEGISLATION Following are extracts from Decree No. 463 (enabling legislation) and Decree No. 464 (specifying basepoints) that established Finland's straight baseline system:

Decree No. 463

Article 1.

The Finnish territorial waters comprise the part of the sea directly connected with the country's land area which in the East, adjacent to the Soviet Union, is bounded by the country's maritime frontier in the Gulf of Finland through the Virolahti archipelago, defined in the Paris Peace Treaty (690-691/47) signed on February 10, 1947; and in the West, adjacent to Sweden, [is bounded] by the country's maritime frontier and the extension of the end thereof into the Perameri Sea in the Tornio archipelago, defined when the boundaries were fixed in 1926-1927 according to the topographic boundary declaration signed in Tornio on January 19, 1811, after the Hamina Peace Treaty. The outer limit of the territorial waters toward the open sea is the boundary of international waters; except in the Ahvena [Aaland] Sea, to the South and North of the rocky isle of Market. There the limit is the country's maritime frontier as defined in the above-mentioned boundary declaration of 1811, as it was included in the agreement signed on October 20, 1921 (64/22), regarding the neutralization of the Aaland Islands.

A solitary island, rocky isle, skerry, or a group formed by these, situated far out in the sea, may have separate territorial waters of its own.

Article 2.

The territorial waters are divided into inner territorial waters and outer territorial waters, or the marginal sea.

Article 3.

By inner territorial waters are meant that part of the territorial waters which is bounded on the shore side by the mainland and the estuaries of rivers, and on the seaward side by a line the angles or base points of which are located at the farther points of land, either on the mainland, on islands, rocky isles or skerries.

Article 4.

The base points intended in Article 3 above are so chosen

- (1) that they are above sea-level more than one half day per year, on the average, at low-water levels during the ten-year period preceding the year when this law takes effect;
- (2) that their distance from one another is at most twice the width of the marginal sea; and
- (3) that the inner territorial waters will be as extensive as possible. The base points will be corrected at intervals of thirty years.

Article 5.

The marginal sea is a zone directly adjacent to the inner territorial waters. Its outer limit, the limit of international waters, is four nautical miles, or 7,408 meters, distant from the outer limit of the inner territorial waters, unless otherwise specified in this law.

Article 6.

If an island, rocky isle, a skerry, or a group formed by these is situated so far out in the sea that it remains beyond the outer limit of the inner territorial waters defined in Articles 3 and 4, such an island, rocky isle, skerry or group shall have separate territorial waters of its own, but the width of such waters shall be three nautical miles, or 5,556 meters.

Article 7.

From the Southern terminus of the country's Eastern maritime frontier the outer limit of territorial waters runs at a distance of four nautical miles from the farthest points of land to the Eastern terminus of the [Southern] limit of the Finnish maritime frontier as defined in the Paris Peace Treaty signed on February 10, 1947, which is a parallel of latitude South of the Haapasaari archipelago, where it joins the said frontier.

From the Western terminus of the [Southern] frontier mentioned in paragraph 1 above, by which the Finnish territorial waters are bounded, the outer limit of the marginal sea runs to the west along the extension of the said border, until it joins the outer limit defined in Article 5.

In the Tornio archipelago, of the Gulf of Finland, the base point which follows the last base point on the Finnish side is on the Swedish side.

Article 8.

The base points of the outer limit of the inner territorial waters and their exact locations will be listed in a decree, which will also give a more detailed explanation of the water-level intended in Article 4, as well as other stipulations which may be necessary for the enforcement and the application of this law.

Decree No. 464

<u>NO.</u>	<u>LATITUDE (N)</u>	<u>LONGITUDE (E)</u>
1	60°19'27"	27°37'16"
2	60°18'36"	27°34'44"
3	60°16'31"	27°20'20"

<u>NO.</u>	<u>LATITUDE (N)</u>	<u>LONGITUDE (E)</u>
4	60°15'54"	27°16'26"
5	60°14'15"	27°01'44"
6	60°12'42"	26°55'55"
7	60°13'52"	26°53'02"
8	60°16'29"	26°41'41"
9	60°15'00"	26°35'31"
10	60°14'30"	26°29'45"
11	60°13'01"	26°19'58"
12	60°09'44"	26°15'51"
13	60°09'40"	26°15'44"
14	60°09'02"	26°05'12"
15	60°06'18"	25°51'30"
16	60°02'23"	25°47'41"
17	60°04'32"	25°38'27"
18	60°06'17"	25°25'40"
19	60°06'12"	25°22'09"
20	60°05'27"	25°08'12"
21	60°02'09"	24°53'40"
22	60°01'54"	24°52'21"
23	59°59'04"	24°37'37"
24	59°54'40"	24°26'55"
25	59°52'10"	24°18'40"
26	59°52'06"	24°18'22"
27	59°53'50"	24°04'07"
28	59°51'41"	23°55'01"
29	59°49'10"	23°40'51"
30	59°47'13"	23°35'29"
31	59°44'56"	23°23'51"
32	59°45'28"	23°13'19"
33	59°44'57"	22°58'27"
34	59°44'37"	22°45'54"
35	59°44'16"	22°30'50"
36	59°43'22"	22°30'15"
37	59°43'17"	22°30'00"
38	59°42'50"	22°25'07"
39	59°44'59"	22°13'05"
40	59°43'04"	22°04'54"
41	59°43'14"	21°57'37"
42	59°44'00"	21°44'39"
43	59°40'33"	21°30'24"
44	59°40'29"	21°30'13"
45	59°40'30"	21°29'45"
46	59°44'47"	21°19'36"
47	49°45'22"	21°09'10"
48	59°44'02"	21°02'55"
49	59°45'54"	20°58'43"
50	59°44'10"	20°44'22"
51	59°46'30"	20°31'53"
52	59°49'30"	20°31'53"
53	59°49'36"	20°15'07"
54	59°50'49"	20°01'18"
55	69°50'03"	19°56'50"
56	59°48'33"	19°47'10"
57	59°50'09"	19°52'18"
58	59°57'31"	19°57'23"
59	60°03'10"	19°49'34"
60	60°04'58"	19°42'35"
61	60°07'22"	19°36'31"
62	60°08'22"	19°36'31"
63	60°09'25"	19°18'13"

<u>NO.</u>	<u>LATITUDE (N)</u>	<u>LONGITUDE (E)</u>
64	60°14'48"	19°11'15"
65	60°18'03"	19°08'07"
66	59°30'10"	20°24'57"
67	59°31'05"	20°25'40"
68	59°30'13"	20°21'06"
69	59°30'16"	20°21'00"
70	60°18'06"	19°08'07"
71	60°20'00"	19°22'36"
72	60°20'43"	19°23'40"
73	60°25'53"	19°23'53"
74	60°25'40"	19°34'06"
75	60°29'13"	19°44'57"
76	60°28'19"	19°56'59"
77	60°28'14"	20°08'42"
78	60°32'21"	20°12'25"
79	60°32'24"	20°12'45"
80	60°32'24"	20°12'45"
81	60°31'35"	20°28'03"
82	60°34'33"	20°31'33"
83	60°35'47"	20°40'54"
84	60°37'56"	20°47'36"
85	60°44'58"	20°44'50"
86	60°45'58"	20°44'39"
87	60°45'08"	21°00'02"
88	60°50'46"	21°00'16"
89	60°51'00"	21°00'20"
90	60°52'03"	21°00'45"
91	60°54'43"	21°02'20"
92	60°55'28"	21°03'03"
93	60°58'57"	21°07'42"
94	61°03'02"	21°10'14"
95	61°09'18"	21°18'22"
96	61°15'28"	21°20'23"
97	61°20'37"	21°22'55"
98	61°25'14"	21°16'23"
99	61°28'47"	21°19'23"
100	61°28'47"	21°19'23"
101	61°28'47"	21°19'23"
102	61°38'46"	21°19'54"
103	61°38'52"	21°19'54"
104	61°43'21"	21°21'38"
105	61°49'53"	21°19'32"
106	61°52'58"	21°14'35"
107	61°56'03"	21°16'27"
108	62°01'07"	21°14'05"
109	62°07'42"	21°17'00"
110	62°10'22"	21°17'03"
111	62°16'44"	21°14'44"
112	62°18'54"	21°09'40"
113	62°22'33"	21°06'57"
114	62°25'08"	21°05'21"
115	62°28'41"	21°04'16"
116	62°34'34"	21°02'39"
117	62°38'32"	21°01'23"
118	62°45'15"	20°53'08"
119	62°48'02"	20°48'25"
120	62°55'27"	20°53'25"
121	62°57'32"	20°44'22"
122	63°05'04"	20°43'02"
123	63°07'53"	20°41'42"
124	63°14'12"	20°35'02"

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125	63°15'18"	20°38'02"
126	63°21'17"	20°45'52"
127	63°25'28"	20°47'20"
128	63°26'38"	21°04'37"
129	63°27'12"	21°08'25"
130	63°27'12"	21°10'22"
131	63°24'19"	21°21'30"
132	63°25'56"	21°30'50"
133	63°29'13"	21°44'20"
134	63°28'24"	21°58'01"
135	63°31'44"	22°09'25"
136	63°37'29"	22°21'52"
137	63°37'37"	22°21'59"
138	63°37'59"	22°22'28"
139	63°38'16"	22°23'11"
140	63°45'06"	22°31'20"
141	63°51'52"	22°37'18"
142	63°53'55"	22°39'54"
143	63°55'41"	22°43'03"
144	63°56'11"	22°44'24"
145	63°57'37"	22°48'44"
146	63°57'50"	22°53'57"
147	63°59'28"	23°09'43"
148	64°04'56"	23°22'42"
149	64°05'34"	23°24'00"
150	64°11'55"	23°33'14"
151	64°18'54"	23°30'23"
152	64°19'44"	23°27'00"
153	64°20'04"	23°26'33"
154	64°18'58"	23°31'07"
155	64°18'32"	23°49'24"
156	64°21'17"	23°54'18"
157	64°25'02"	24°01'19"
158	64°26'56"	24°05'30"
159	64°32'16"	24°15'10"
160	64°39'31"	24°19'25"
161	64°40'30"	24°19'14"
162	64°40'55"	24°19'26"
163	64°42'08"	24°21'18"
164	64°42'44"	24°23'27"
165	64°49'12"	24°31'42"
166	64°55'28"	24°37'30"
167	65°00'15"	24°34'28"
168	65°02'22"	24°33'22"
169	65°05'10"	24°37'50"
170	65°05'10"	24°47'34"
171	65°12'38"	24°54'08"
172	65°14'20"	24°46'00"
173	65°14'46"	24°44'18"
174	65°20'08"	24°39'22"
175	65°24'52"	24°49'07"
176	65°32'47"	24°47'42"
177	65°36'17"	24°36'53"
178	65°33'51"	24°18'49"
179	65°36'11"	24°12'10"
(180)	(65°35'09")	(23°57'08")

B. ANALYSIS The following comments regarding Finland's straight baseline system are extracted from Limits in the Seas, No. 48, "Straight Baselines: Finland," 15 September 1972:

The Finnish straight baseline system has been printed on large-scale charts published by the Finnish Hydrographic Office. The most recent editions, which have been examined by this office, were printed in 1965.

The law contains three interesting concepts. First, the system is subject to a periodic review. According to Article 4(3), the points must be corrected at intervals of 30 years. Second, the Government of Finland has commenced its straight baseline system by connecting Swedish and Finnish islets; the intersection of this line with the Finnish-Swedish maritime frontier marks the beginning of the Finnish system. This unusual technique has been employed by several North European states.

The third, and most important, concept is stated in Article 4(2) which provides that the basepoints will be chosen so that their [basepoint] distance from one another is "at most twice the width of the marginal sea. . . ." As a consequence, the longest Finnish straight baseline segment measures 8 nautical miles or less in length, a restriction which contrasts sharply with the practices of many states. The limitation of the length of baseline segment means that the Finnish system nearly duplicates the configuration of the fringing islands. The Finnish system has the least expansive straight baselines yet analyzed by this office.

The total length of the Finnish system measures approximately 793.2 nautical miles between the Swedish and Soviet maritime frontiers. The average length of a segment is approximately 4.4 nautical miles.

2. OUTER LIMITS OF TERRITORIAL SEA

A. LEGISLATION The Act amending the Act on the Border of the Territorial Waters of Finland (981/95) was entered into force on 30 July 1995. According to the Act, the outer limit of the territorial sea of Finland shall, with certain exceptions, extend to 12 nautical miles from the baselines. In the Gulf of Finland, the outer limit of the territorial sea shall at no place be closer to the midline than 3 nautical miles.

The base points of the outer limit of the inner territorial waters and the location of the outer limit of Finland's territorial sea

Section 1

The base points of the outer limit of the inner territorial waters, referred to in section 4(1) of the Finnish Territorial Waters Act, the degrees of latitude and longitude of which are given in the Finnish National Coordinate System, are during the thirty-year period 1995 - 2024 as follows:

<u>NO.</u>	<u>LATITUDE (N)</u>	<u>LONGITUDE (E)</u>
1	60° 19' 452	27° 37' 202
2	60° 18' 581	27° 34' 716
3	60° 15' 904	27° 16' 433
4	60° 14' 238	27° 01' 845
5	60° 09' 672	26° 15' 752
6	60° 02' 419	25° 47' 682
7	60° 05' 437	25° 08' 157
8	60° 02' 128	24° 53' 709
9	59° 52' 101	24° 18' 368
10	59° 47' 218	23° 35' 505
11	59° 44' 862	23° 23' 941
12	59° 44' 958	22° 58' 431
13	59° 42' 828	22° 25' 102
14	59° 40' 504	21° 30' 088
15	59° 44' 171	20° 44' 352
16	59° 48' 483	19° 47' 125
17	60° 09' 403	19° 18' 241
18	60° 18' 019	19° 08' 124
19	60° 18' 081	19° 08' 148
20	60° 25' 902	19° 23' 935
21	60° 29' 875	19° 42' 563
22	60° 32' 411	20° 12' 524
23	60° 45' 947	20° 44' 638
24	61° 03' 050	21° 10' 211
25	61° 25' 339	21° 16' 255
26	61° 38' 782	21° 19' 747
27	62° 00' 992	21° 14' 072
28	62° 24' 801	21° 05' 203

<u>NO.</u>	<u>LATITUDE (N)</u>	<u>LONGITUDE (E)</u>
29	62° 47' 068	20° 50' 217
30	62° 57' 655	20° 44' 296
31	63° 14' 228	20° 35' 058
32	63° 25' 460	20° 47' 346
33	63° 27' 198	21° 08' 482
34	63° 28' 491	21° 44' 639
35	63° 31' 707	22° 09' 732
36	63° 45' 089	22° 31' 404
37	63° 51' 837	22° 37' 409
38	63° 53' 196	22° 39' 136
39	63° 53' 726	22° 39' 847
40	63° 55' 701	22° 42' 981
41	63° 56' 237	22° 44' 467
42	63° 57' 627	22° 48' 639
43	64° 05' 572	23° 23' 951
44	64° 19' 981	23° 26' 818
45	64° 32' 274	24° 15' 150
46	64° 40' 893	24° 19' 362
47	65° 02' 379	24° 33' 062
48	65° 20' 151	24° 39' 306
49	65° 33' 835	24° 18' 807
50	65° 35' 962	24° 01' 847
51	59° 31' 158	20° 24' 700
52	59° 31' 090	20° 25' 328
53	59° 30' 240	20° 21' 077
54	59° 30' 291	20° 21' 011

Points 18 and 19 and points 50 and 51 respectively, are not connected by a baseline. Points 51 and 54 are connected by a baseline.

Section 2

The location of the outer limit of Finland's territorial sea is indicated by points that are connected either by the line of the shortest distance or by the circular arc defined by a given centre and radius.

As determined by the Peace Treaty signed in Paris on 10 February 1947 (690-691/47), starting from the western terminal point of the border limiting the territorial sea of Finland, the course of the border is through the following points, given in the Finnish National Coordinate System as degrees of latitude and longitude, to the south side of the islet of Market as far as the southern terminal point of the national frontier between Finland and Sweden (point no. 132 on the list):

103	60° 11' 341	26° 44' 675
104	60° 09' 692	26° 36' 845
105	60° 09' 198	26° 29' 702
106	60° 02' 779	26° 17' 867
107	60° 02' 281	26° 11' 498
108	60° 00' 832	26° 04' 689
109	59° 58' 596	26° 01' 223
110	59° 55' 909	25° 37' 404
111	59° 55' 681	25° 35' 147
112	59° 55' 868	25° 28' 462
113	59° 56' 596	25° 10' 348
114	59° 55' 271	24° 55' 986
115	59° 53' 514	24° 47' 310
116	59° 49' 015	24° 29' 487
117	59° 47' 800	24° 20' 116
118	59° 47' 014	24° 12' 554
119	59° 39' 406	23° 21' 313
120	59° 38' 131	22° 51' 638

<u>NO.</u>	<u>LATITUDE (N)</u>	<u>LONGITUDE (E)</u>
121	59° 36' 472	22° 38' 266
122	59° 30' 781	22° 23' 985
123	59° 28' 584	21° 32' 209

Points 123 and 124 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no.14.

124	59° 28' 693	21° 26' 268
125	59° 31' 947	20° 45' 848
126	59° 27' 456	20° 23' 234

Points 126 and 127 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 3 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 53.

127	59° 27' 964	20° 17' 257
128	59° 35' 466	19° 59' 869
129	59° 35' 703	19° 56' 638
130	59° 47' 501	19° 39' 699
131	60° 11' 501	19° 05' 198
132	60° 14' 114	19° 06' 368

North of the islet of Market, starting from the northern terminal point of the national frontier between Finland and Sweden, the course of the border is through the following points:

134	60° 22' 494	19° 09' 877
135	60° 36' 689	19° 13' 421

Points 135 and 136 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 20.

136	60° 36' 871	19° 14' 228
137	60° 40' 866	19° 32' 942

Points 137 and 138 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 21.

138	60° 41' 660	19° 38' 341
139	60° 43' 650	20° 01' 717
140	60° 54' 104	20° 26' 461
141	61° 07' 609	20° 46' 495
142	61° 26' 815	20° 51' 460
143	61° 38' 768	20° 54' 404
144	61° 59' 212	20° 48' 898
145	62° 21' 960	20° 40' 112
146	62° 43' 465	20° 25' 334

Points 146 and 147 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 29.

147	62° 44' 079	20° 24' 946
148	62° 54' 675	20° 18' 868
149	63° 09' 882	20° 10' 176
150	63° 19' 903	20° 24' 288
151	63° 28' 961	20° 42' 007
152	63° 31' 152	20° 56' 551
153	63° 40' 013	21° 30' 778
154	63° 40' 325	21° 39' 821
155	63° 42' 059	21° 53' 301
156	63° 50' 841	22° 07' 434
157	63° 56' 187	22° 12' 115

Points 157 and 158 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 37.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>LATITUDE (N)</u>	<u>LONGITUDE (E)</u>
158	63° 57' 650	22° 13' 668
159	63° 59' 128	22° 15' 526
160	63° 59' 774	22° 16' 382

Points 160 and 161 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 39.

161	64° 00' 548	22° 17' 500
162	64° 02' 530	22° 20' 622

Points 162 and 163 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 40.

163	64° 04' 927	22° 25' 637
164	64° 05' 612	22° 27' 530
165	64° 07' 150	22° 32' 128

Points 165 and 166 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 42.

166	64° 08' 234	22° 36' 026
167	64° 13' 189	22° 57' 896
168	64° 20' 975	22° 59' 327

Points 168 and 169 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 44.

169	64° 30' 238	23° 12' 589
170	64° 39' 909	23° 50' 376
171	64° 43' 314	23° 51' 988

Points 171 and 172 are connected by a circular arc the radius of which is 12 nautical miles and the centre of which, in accordance with section 1, is base point no. 46.

172	64° 43' 962	23° 52' 340
173	65° 04' 789	24° 05' 263
174	65° 17' 527	24° 09' 503
175	65° 30' 739	24° 08' 216

From the last-mentioned point, the course of the border is further in the direction of north-northwest towards the point referred to in section 7 (3) of the Act on the Border of the Territorial Waters of Finland.

c. MARITIME BOUNDARIES The Finland-USSR territorial sea boundary is discussed in International Boundary Study No. 74 - February 1, 1964, Finland-USSR Boundary. The continental shelf boundary is analyzed in International Boundary Study, Series A, No. 16 - May 25, 1970, Limits in the Seas. Continental Shelf Boundary: Finland - Soviet Union.